

Traffic Safety/Engineering Advisory Committee
June 30, 2005, 9:30AM
OHSP's Presentation Conf. Rm.
Meeting Minutes

Present

Dick Beaubien (HRC)
Tom Bruff (SEMCOG)
Wes Butch (DLZ)
Jim Culp (MDOT)
Keith Dersham (City of Adrian)
Deb McAvoy (WSU)
Dave Morena (FHWA)
Jill Morena (MDOT)
Steve Schreier (OHSP)
Dave Sonnenberg (Ingham County Road Commission)

Old Business

The committee welcomed a few new members. These new members (Butch, Dersham, and Sonnenberg) provide additional points of view (i.e., consulting, city, and county).

Next, a discussion on the statewide crash data ensued, along with a brief presentation by Schreier. Several comments were made regarding the figures found in the draft implementation plan and they were corrected during the meeting. There was an additional comment to include rollover fatal crashes (at ditches). Culp also mentioned some analysis that Dale Lighthizer was performing as part of his local community assistance program.

As the group moved to discuss the next agenda item (mitigation strategies/implementation plan) a lengthy conversation took place regarding the format of the final document as it relates to the other 11 emphasis areas, the statewide strategic safety plan, and the NCHRP reports. There were suggestions that these separate pieces of work should be developed into one document (examples include: New York, Florida, and Georgia). Finally, it was also recommended that this issue be brought to the attention of the GTSAC so that they can decide on the final format of this resource document(s).

Next, D. Morena facilitated a discussion regarding the mitigating strategies. The group had many ideas as to how to present the mitigating strategies: present all, present only those relevant to Michigan, prioritize the list, include references to time-frame and cost, and delete references to tried, experimental, and proven. Then D. Morena presented the group with the concept of micro-strategies (i.e., coming from the NCHRP reports) versus macro-strategies. Macro-strategies are not project level strategies but those directed more to what a specific agency should be identified with (i.e., The GTSAC will develop..., OHSP will as part of the Safety Summit..., or MDOT will develop a policy...).

As a result of this discussion, a smaller group of TSEAC members have scheduled a meeting for July 26 in Ingham County to address this idea of macro vs. micro, and come up with some examples for the rest of the committee. There examples will be e-mailed to the rest of the committee so that the full committee can address the rest of the action plan and provide comments back to the Chair by early September. The Chair will work with Schreier to incorporate the comments into the draft action plan for review and discussion at the September meeting.

New Business

The group did not discuss the scheduling of other relevant presentations. This will be included on the next meeting's agenda.

The next full committee meeting was scheduled September 21, 2005 (9:00 am) at OHSP offices.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.